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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

I am writing to encourage you to support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). By enforcing this petition you would greatly increase the public's safety against salmonella poisoning. This ^{action} ~~petition~~ would also force the poultry industry to take more responsibility in caring for their animals.

I am writing out of concern for the animals as well as the public. I myself have suffered through salmonella, and I barely survived. To this day, I suffer from the consequences of my choice to eat eggs. I nearly had to withdraw from my classes at the University due to this incident last semester. So, please make our poultry industry take the action which is necessary to improve the conditions layer hens must live in. Also, please encourage them to end the heinous practices they use to put meat on my table. They are not healthful, humane, ^{nor} beneficial for the public.

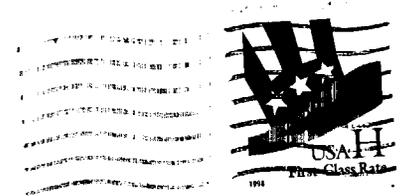
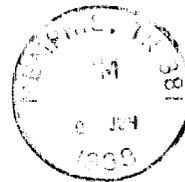
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Thank you for your time and willingness to read
this letter. I know that you will make the ~~best~~^{decision} with
both ~~parties~~ parties' interest at heart.

Sincerely,
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